

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2021

I. Call to Order

President Carly Thomson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board Members present were Directors Derek Ryter, David Cramer and Beverly Lawrence. Wayne Schrader had an excused absence. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager; Fred Owens, District Accountant and Dave Marsa, Water/Wastewater Operator. This meeting was conducted via phone conference call due to COVID-19. No residents attended.

II. The minutes of the September 15, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. David made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Derek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Administration

A. Financials

1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for September 2021.
2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Beverly made a motion to approve the payables as presented with the addition of a \$1427 check to the state for our wastewater permit annual fee. Derek seconded. The motion passed.
3. Financials – Financial statements ending September 30, 2021 were presented.
4. 2022 Budget Hearing - No residents attended the public hearing. The Board made no changes. The 2022 Budget will be approved at the next meeting

B. Water & Wastewater Operations

1. Water Operations Report – Dave Marsa reported that 39,000 gallons were used flushing the hydrants and cleaning the sewer lines. Well production is the same as last year. We budgeted \$24,000 for the source of supply capital outlay for continuing the SCATA control project. Dave said we are over budget by \$4,710.
 - Replacement 4-20 meters for wells and transfer pumps \$3,960
 - Labor to connect and program at well building \$1,400
 - Bid attached to install panel and connect Lake Durango bldg \$24,350Total: \$29,710

Beverly made a motion to move forward with the SCATA project with the additional \$4,710. David seconded. Motion passed.

2. Wastewater Operations Report – Dave Marsa reported that the ammonia level on the report was high due to a broken blower. However, the average will be under the 15 mg/l limit when he reports to the state. Dave Marsa got quotes for the two upgraded samplers (\$8,000 for an effluent sampler and \$7,800 for the refrigerated sampler) which will put us over the budgeted \$10,000 capital outlay line item by \$5,800. Beverly made a motion to approve Dave buying both samplers this year. Derek seconded. The motion passed.
3. Sewer Inspection Report – during the sewer line cleaning, we found tree roots coming into our mainline from two residents' sewer lines. The roots in the main

line were removed. Once we have the report and addresses, Dave Marsa will let these residents know that there is service line issue they need to address. The board recommended he talk with them first and we follow up after 30 days to see their progress in dealing with the issue. SGM sent directions to Dave about uploading sewer reports in future. They will do one final upload in January of this fall's sewer video inspections.

C. Roads and Open Space

1. Open Space Update – Jane reported that the general fund currently has a balance of \$4,536 after the Board decreased the common area maintenance line item by \$5,000 last month. She said this is for street sweeping and disposal as well as paying Dave Marsa to conduct a pond survey of depth, sludge, volume, etc. She is however, proceeding on getting estimates for new floor covering in the mail building. The interior was cleaned and painted in early October; and it looks great. Trails work days happened on October 9 and 16th. Derek worked with a few residents to construct water diversions on trails from Aspen to the mail building and then from the mail building to the tennis court as well as down the central greenbelt. He said we will see how these do with the storms. Some areas east of the tennis courts could use some diversions in the spring. The Board thanked Derek for his work and time.
2. Road Update – Leeder sent a 2022 snow removal contract. Everything has gone up \$10 per hour. However, we signed a two-year contract last year which he will honor. Street sweeping is tentatively scheduled first week of November depending on leaf and needle drop.

IV. Business

1. Approve 2022 Weed Spraying Contract – Jane reported that our former contractor's bid came in significantly less than Horizon's bid. Beverly motioned that we approve the weed spraying contract with Jeremy Linch. David seconded. The motion passed.
2. Sick Leave Policy - the Payroll Department sent a survey to see how we wanted to handle the new Colorado law regarding sick leave. The Board said to internally track it.
3. Review Solar Proposal at WWTP – Beverly said the risk is low and solar is the right direction for our district. Carly agreed and thought it's what the residents would like as well. Dave Marsa said the only hazard would be CDOT throwing snow into the back of the panels but thought that Shaw would fix that if it happened. Beverly motioned that we approve the project and move it onto the IGA agenda. Dave Cramer seconded. Motion passed.
4. Discuss Pond Condition, Options and Direction: Jane reported that the nano-bubbler generator would cost over \$1,500 more per year for electricity. She asked Dave Marsa to conduct a pond survey as he has a boat and sludge judge. He will do so in the next few weeks. Beverly brought up the SGM drainage map and turning the pond into a detention pond. She said it's very different than what the current use is and may not be the most popular direction but is functional. Derek concurred with this direction as he doubts it's feasible to keep it as a pond, given the hot and dry realities of the climate. The detention pond/catch basin

would not need to be very big. We would need to plant vegetation in the other areas. Carly expressed the importance of this area being usable – a benefit to neighborhood. More research needs to happen. Questions to look at: how long it would take and cost. The Board discussed having a public meeting in the spring to present options and directions and allow residents an opportunity for input.

5. Other District Correspondence: who owns a plot of land between two residents; trucks on willow court, “roster” listing, pond bubblers not working; chlorination in water; vegetation on corner of Spruce and Aspen blocking view of traffic; low water pressure – whole house filter culprit; thank yous for email on water odor;
6. Newsletter items – Kudos for trail work volunteers and opportunity to participate next year; bears

IV. Adjournment – Beverly motioned to adjourn meeting. Derek seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary